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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE

DOCKET NO. SW-20445A-14-0291

DOCKET NO. W-20446A-14-0290

PROCEDURAL ORDER (Partial Administrative Closure)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 30, 3014, Global Water - Santa Cruz Water Company ("Santa Cruz") and Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company ("Palo Verde") (collectively "Global Utilities") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") applications for approval to extend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide utility service to five properties near the cities of Maricopa and Casa Grande, Arizona.

On August 8, 2014, Global Utilities filed copies of letters mailed to Maricopa and Casa Grande informing those cities of the pending applications.

On August 21, 2014, Global Utilities filed a Motion to Consolidate the applications.

On August 28, 2014, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed an Insufficiency Letter notifying Global Utilities that the applications did not meet the sufficiency requirements outlined in the Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.").

On September 5, 2014, Staff filed a Revised Insufficiency Letter requesting additional information from Global Utilities.

On November 4, 2014, Global Utilities filed a Response to Staff's Insufficiency Letter.

On December 4, 2014, Staff filed a Second Insufficiency Letter requesting further information

from Global Utilities.

On February 13, 2015, Global Utilities filed amended applications stating that it was excluding four of the five properties from the requested CC&N extension area in order to expedite consideration of this matter.¹ In the applications, as amended, Global Utilities requests approval to extend the existing CC&N territory to provide water and wastewater utility service in Maricopa, to a property known as Estrella Gin.

On February 13, 2015, Global Utilities filed a Response to Staff's Second Insufficiency Letter.

March 10, 2015, Staff filed a Sufficiency Letter indicating that the applications, as amended, meet the sufficiency requirements.

On March 12, 2015, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating the amended applications, establishing various filing deadlines, and scheduling a hearing for June 2, 2015.

On April 2, 2015, Palo Verde filed a Motion to Withdraw Application ("Motion") requesting that its amended application filed in Docket No. SW-20445A-14-0291 be administratively closed. Based upon a recent discovery by Staff, Palo Verde states that its amended application is no longer necessary because the Estrella Gin property is already included within in its CC&N territory. Counsel for Global Utilities represents that Santa Cruz desires to proceed with its amended application in Docket No. W-20446A-14-0290 because the Estrella Gin property is not presently within its CC&N territory.

On April 3, 2015, Global Utilities filed an affidavit of publication showing that notice of the amended applications and hearing date was mailed to each property owner in the proposed extension area on March 19, 2015, and published in the *Casa Grande Dispatch* on March 24, 2015.

Palo Verde's Motion is reasonable under the circumstances and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Global Water – Palo Verde Utilities Company's Motion to Withdraw Application is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket Nos. W-20446A-14-0290 and SW-20445A-14-

¹ Global Utilities states that the excluded properties will be included in a subsequent application filed in a new docket.

0291 are hereby deconsolidated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Docket No. SW-20445A-14-0291** is hereby administratively closed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket No. W-20446A-14-0290 shall remain open.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing date scheduled for June 2, 2015 is hereby affirmed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remainder of the March 12, 2015 Procedural Order shall remain in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized Communications) continues to apply to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party to this matter may opt to receive service of all Procedural and Recommended Orders issued by the Commission's Hearing Division in this matter via e-mail rather than U.S. Mail, as permitted under A.A.C. R14-3-107(B). To exercise this option, a party shall send to hearingsdivision@azcc.gov, from the e-mail address at which the party desires to receive service, an e-mail request including the name of the party on whom service is to be made and the docket number for this matter. After a party receives an e-mail confirmation of its request from hearingsdivision@azcc.gov, the party will receive all future Procedural and Recommended Orders issued by the Hearing Division in this matter via e-mails to the address provided by the party, unless and until the party withdraws its request. Service of a document via e-mail shall be considered complete upon the sending of an e-mail containing the document to the e-mail address provided by a party, regardless of whether the party receives or reads the e-mail containing the document.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation to appear at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is

scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the 2 Administrative Law Judge or Commission. 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, 4 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at 5 hearing. 6 7 8 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 10 Copies of the foregoing mailed 11 this 10th day of April, 2015 to: 12 Timothy J. Sabo SNELL & WILMER 13 One Arizona Center 400 East Van Buren Street, Suite 1900 14 Phoenix, AZ 85004 15 Janice Alward, Chief Counsel Legal Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 W. Washington Street 17 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 18 Steven Olea, Director **Utilities Division** 19 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 W. Washington Street 20 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 21 COASH & COASH, INC. 22 Court Reporting, Video and Videoconferencing 1802 North 7th Street 23 Phoenix, AZ 85006 24 By: 25 Rebecca Unquera Assistant to Scott M. Hesla 26 27

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